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DUMORY, John.—Was last heard of about ten years ago, he then being in Santa Hospital. Information required as to his whereabouts.

APRIL, Walter.—Was living some time since with Senhor Maurice Hareloff, Fazenda da Bella Alliança, Vargem Alegre, state of Rio. Information required as to his whereabouts.

MERCICA, Fortunato—Maltese: was lately here on board one of Her Majesty's ships, belonging to the Squadron on the S. E. Coast of America. It is stated that he left his ship and was staying at Joseph's lodging-house.

OOLE, Frederick—Engineer, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, England. Let home several years ago. His relations hear that he lately died of yellow-fever. Can anyone furnish any information respecting him?

TULLY, or TULLY, Mathias—Native of Ireland. When last heard of he was engaged in mining in Brazil. Enquiries made about him from Iowa, Mich. Will hear very good news on calling at the Consulate-General.

Rio de Janeiro, March 29th, 1896.

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WEST COAST ITEMS.

—The presidential election in Bolivia will occur on May 4th. Great excitement over the contest is reported.

—The Chilean regular army has been increased to 18,000. Two more infantry battalions have been organized.

—The Chilean government is taking steps to complete the defenses of Valparaiso. The 43 ton guns obtained for that purpose are to be mounted within a few days.

—Quite as we anticipated, the Chileans will not be outdone by the Argentines in national guard mobilization, and it is now announced that at least 200,000 will appear at the next call.

—The threatening state of affairs between Argentina and Chile is producing a severe financial and commercial crisis in Chile. Recent telegrams state that the exchange rate has fallen so low as to seriously affect business, while the continued excessive military expenditures is bringing the country into great difficulties.

—The German engineer Krauss has completed the study of the port of Talcahuano and drawn up plans for the military docks. But the great difficulty again in the way is the cost of the enterprise, which will be about twenty millions or nearly equal to the last loan of Chile. The government has asked the engineer to translate himself to Germany or any other European country to see if he can get the necessary money. It is rather curious to send an engineer to negotiate for twenty millions, and we wonder whether there is really seriousness in it. —Times, Buenos Aires.

—The panic in Valparaiso over the threatened earthquake on Sunday, is described by the telegrams as something phenomenal, especially among the female part of the population. Some two thirds of the inhabitants deserted the city for the country on Saturday, camping out as best they could, the trains and carriages being insufficient to convey them all. After all, nothing happened, except that the weather was wet and oppressive, and now they are returning, many of them to find that thieves have taken advantage of their absence to pillage their houses. —Montevideo Times, March 31.

—Edison and Huber, ahoy! The *Tirapacú* of Iquique says the British government has purchased from Mr. Roberto Prado Puelma, a Chilean, for £20,000, a millstone of which he is the inventor. The same paper says that Mr. Prado Puelma is giving the building touches to a life of his invention, which is destined to revolutionize warfare, but it does not say if the British government has acquired this weapon also, or if the inventor reserves it for his own country. It is strange that our English exchanges are silent on such important matters as these. —Chilian Times.

—The Anglo-Chilian arbitral tribunal has had a somewhat unedifying ending. The Chilean arbitrator has refused to sign the decisions given on claims Nos. 75, 76, 77, 79, 81, 85, 88, 89, 91, 92, 93 and 94. The consequence of this refusal has been a protest on the part of the president of the tribunal and the British arbitrator; a note from them to the minister for foreign affairs; an exchange of notes between them and the Chilean arbitrator; and also an exchange of notes between the latter and the minister for foreign affairs. Later on we will give a full translation of these notes, but we may anticipate that the refusal of the Chilean arbitrator to attach his signature to the decisions in question is founded on the circumstance that his co-arbitrators declined to allow him to give what in their estimation, would have been not a separate opinion but a separate decision. One result of this disagreement has been that the president of the tribunal, M. Camille Janssen, has left Chile quite abruptly, declining to accept any of the marks of attention which are customary at the termination of the labors of international tribunals. —Chilian Times, March 21.

COTTON GROWING IN PARAGUAY AND ARGENTINA.

It is not generally known that pioneer cotton planters have already a strong foothold in Paraguay, Pampa and Tucuman. Sections of Paraguay and also of Pampa in our own republic are well adapted to cotton growing, while in Tucuman climate and soil are considerably equally favorable, and a large company has been formed to raise cotton and establish large cotton mills in Tucuman. One indication of the progressive spirit

shown in this industry is the importation of an American cotton gin and a cotton planter. These machines have just arrived by the steamer *Merida* consigned to Mr. J. D. Steison, the South American representative of the Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis, U. S. A. They have been sold on the Formosa plantations. Another very important item in this connection is the fact that in Formosa the famous Sea Island cotton, the most valuable cotton plant known, grows luxuriantly. It commands the highest price in the cotton markets of the world. Mr. Steison visited the cotton fields of Formosa and Paraguay about six months ago and was an enthusiastic over the future of this industry that he sent for a quantity of Sea Island cotton seed and has been distributing it among his cotton-growing friends. We have not been able to ascertain whether Sea Island cotton grows well in Tucuman and Paraguay, but in Formosa it is altogether a success.

After making careful inquiries of men directly interested it is safe to assume that Argentina will make great progress in this industry in the next few years. Such a development means millions of dollars added to the real wealth of the country and a large increase in population. With her mines just ready to be developed on a more scientific scale than ever before, her wheat and cattle shipments already surprising the world, and the great south-western portion of the country to be opened up by rail, and to this add the crescent cotton industry—an industry which has brought untold millions of wealth to other countries, we may well say that Argentina has indeed a bright future. —Buenos Aires Herald.

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EXPERIMENTS were carried out the other day, in the harbor of New York, with the new dynamite gun. It was loaded with a shell weighing 350 lbs., containing a charge of 100 lbs. of nitrogelatin. The discharge carried the projectile to a point three miles distant, where it struck a rock cliff and exploded, tearing a hole in the face of the solid rock six feet deep and thirty feet in diameter. A projectile containing a charge of 500 lbs. of nitrogelatin was fired so as to strike the surface of the water 2,100 yards from the gun. The result was equally satisfactory. The shell exploded on coming into contact with the water, sending a column of water 600 feet high into the air. The explosion was felt a distance of thirty miles.

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SERFDOM IN ARGENTINA.

The press of the country has been recently very busy discussing the famous *conchavo* law of Tucuman; a law which by the way is not confined to Tucuman but is in force all over the northern provinces. These provinces, whilst they have the fame of having been the great centres of national liberty and independence, are disgraced at the same time by customs, laws, and traditions that are altogether behind date and form continual subjects of complaint to the more enlightened and progressive portions of the republic. It is a disgrace indeed to have any of these things still in existence, and now and then the press of the capital gets hold of an insulated incident and brings it forth in glaring colors. The northern provinces are centres of abuses, hot-beds of local disorders and a continual defiance of legal and social progress, that is carefully concealed and only partially unveiled from time to time. The *conchavo* law, or forced service law, is only one out of many provincial abuses in vogue in Tucuman and the northern part of the republic generally. If a complete and searching light were thrown upon those regions the civilized world would get to be astonished at the revelations made.

Tyranny of every kind on the part of the rich over the poor is rampant everywhere. The only ones who have any rights granted by law and justice are the rich. This does not imply that the poor or the laboring classes are always ill-treated or oppressed. They are considered for the most part as subjects of the family. The rights granted to them are not supposed to be derived from justice, but from charity. If they are well treated, well fed and clothed by their patrons, it is not a just remuneration of their labor but looked upon as a liberal luxury on the part of the master; a kindness and superabundant generosity in which he indulges perhaps for the love of God, or for the love of his neighbor; in other words out of pure charity. Justice has nothing to say; at least the local justice of Salta, Jujuy, Catamarca and Tucuman does not oblige him to all this. Whilst such a local system very often makes life comparatively easy and comfortable for a certain class of servants and laborers, it also gives rise and scope to an infinite amount of abuses. The well-being of the peons depends entirely on the good will and good fortune of the master, and if he changes his humor, or things go against him, the poor workmen under him have to bear the worst effects of it. It is a West India imported coolie system of easy labor when the patron is in easy humor, and hard circumstances and forced labor when he is in the contrary state. The custom of keeping men to render forced service under such conditions is always a social danger, and the law that sanctions it should be execrated and abolished. It is a shame and a disgrace to the whole republic and reveals a hideous state of tyranny by the rich over the poor.

It is not the first time that these customs have been attacked by enlightened Argentines, who had travelled a little beyond their local surroundings and seen something of the civilized world. Now it is the *conchavo* law; before it was the inhuman appropriation law practised in favor of the rich till a very recent period. It was practised against the poor Indians especially, just as the *conchavo* law is enforced against every one not a patron. The poor Indians of the north, who had always been of a peaceful disposition and prone to take up the settled life of civilization since the time of the Incas, had become real possessors of the soil in many parts of Salta, Jujuy, and the other provinces near them. They cultivated the soil on which they lived and were born as well as their white neighbors. Their forefathers had been born, had lived and died there. To all intents and purposes they were Argentines of the best right and title to such a name. They paid their tributes and taxes, they took service when necessary in the army; in fact, the greater part of the army was recruited from them. They were ready to shed their blood in defence of the republic; many of their forefathers had actually battled for national independence. They were Argentines of the truest and most loyal type and had as much right and title to the soil they tilled and occupied as any one else, and perhaps more than any one else. Yet, when it served the purposes of the local aristocracy of wealth, these poor Indians were driven off the land they had inherited from their fore-

fathers. It was done on the flimsiest pre-text. Some old title with a vague description of territory granted by the viceroy, or king of Spain a hundred years before to the predecessor of some long-departed patron was enough to dislodge them. When this parchment did not exist a simple decree or vote of the local authorities created titles in favor of the rich.

The Indian was looked upon as having no rights whatever, although he was the very one who had the best, the only legitimate claim and right. If there is any legitimate title it is that of those who have occupied and cultivated the soil for generations, who support and defend the republic and who lead a peaceful laborious life on the soil. But in the northern provinces wealth and political influence are everything. They give right and titles to lands and dispose of law and justice as if the poor and laboring classes did not exist. The local government is more truly an oligarchy than anywhere else in the republic, and as the voice of the lower classes is never heard in these oligarchical assemblages called legislatures, it is natural that no law is ever made in their favor which is not accompanied with another in favor of the patron, which leaves the first without effect.

A letter published in the *Nacion* gives us an insight into how things are managed in regard to female servants in Catamarca. It is not worth repeating it here. I know of a poor English governess who had sufficient experience of these customs in one of the northern provinces and whose story could throw additional light on the state of things there. She was of course contracted for in Buenos Aires. She had arrived only a short time from England, could speak French and had learned a little Spanish. As there was no position to be obtained here, she was glad to accept the offer of a gentleman up in the provinces to fill the post of governess to two children. When she arrived there she found herself at a distance of some 20 leagues from the nearest railway station. The post of governess in such a locality meant quite a different thing from what it means in London or Paris. She was not only supposed to be the servant of the children instead of their teacher, but to serve another purpose. She protested, but in vain. A *comisario* happened to come to the *estancia*, and what was her horror when he told her that she could not invoke the law; that he would in fact be obliged to prevent her flight, as she belonged to the *patron*.

But the young girl was pluckier than the patron expected. She locked herself up in her room and threatened to bat the brains out of his skull if he broke open the door. She remained locked up for six days and managed to get a little food from the man cook and his wife who used to climb up a ladder every night to supply her with what she needed by stealth. After a week the cook, who took compassion on her, determined to share her fortune so far as to arrange for her flight. They managed to get a vehicle and the three started out for the railway station. Happily they got on the train before the local *comisario* was sent in pursuit, in order to restore them to the patron to whom they "belonged."

This custom of speaking of men and servants as "belonging" to the patron savors distinctly of slavery, as has been remarked by native authors. It is only when persons are looked upon as things, that they are said to belong to their masters. In this way the patron looked upon his English governess as belonging to him. The resistance he met with from her was probably so much the more irritating to him, as it was unexpected. He knew, of course, that in Buenos Aires he could not pursue her. Here, we would be ashamed to allow such a law, or even custom to be in vogue. But it is not so in the provinces. There the rich masters of the situation are accustomed to have everything in their favor and to domineer completely over the poor and laboring classes.

Such a state of things is far from being honorable or useful to the general interests of those provinces. It is to the interest of the cane-planter and wealthy proprietors, as a small class and a small fraction of the population, but beyond that, it is a blight and a curse. Few of the common classes and working people ever attain independence, or manage to secure a little house and property of their own.

They belong to their masters and patrons, as effectually as if they were slaves. The remuneration they receive is a minimum

in money. Five dollars a month is no remuneration for a man's work. He gets worn-out clothes, shoes and hats. He feels well enough, perhaps, on the estancia on plantation, but he is not independent.

They belong to the master as effectively as if they had been bought. The great majority of the people in those provinces cannot therefore be prosperous. There can be no progress either. Matters will remain nearly as stationary as in a slave country. The rich will enrich themselves more, the poor will become poorer, and the immigrant will carefully avoid the blighted region. If the northern provinces wish to see the sleep of ages wiped out of their eyes, if they wish to make at least some advances in modern civilization they must begin by granting at least personal liberty to everyone. To share in the progress of the rest of the republic they must establish republican institutions and abolish the slavery sanctioned by old laws and antiquated usage.

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ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES.

Running southward through the night, we crossed the channel south of St. Lucia, and in the morning reached the next link in the chain of the Caribbee islands, and came to anchor off St. Vincent. It has been said that four islands among the Caribbees realize one's ideals—Guadeloupe, Dominica, Martinique and St. Vincent. The first is vast, grand and gloomy; the second sombre in its mountains, but breaking out into smiling tracts of cultivated land; the third combines features of the first two, and adds the element of a large and picturesque population; while St. Vincent has all the natural wonders and beauties of the other three, and a certain air of delicate culture which is entirely its own. We were anchored in a lovely bay with a fort crowning the headland on our right, and facing Kingstown. The town is situated in a superb amphitheatre which rises from the water with its red-roofed houses, showing through palm groves, and a few fine stone structures, among which are churches of five denominations of Christians. Behind these buildings are the botanical gardens and the governor's house overlooking all the town. St. Vincent is a single peak, with no outlying rocks or islets. It is larger than it seems, being seventeen miles long and ten miles broad, with an area of one hundred and thirty-one square miles and a population of nearly fifty thousand. A mountain ridge divides the island, and here at the height of a mile, is the vast crater of Morne Garon, which was the scene of a tremendous eruption in 1812, when the earthquakes which for two years had terrified the South American coast and the West India islands, had culminated in an explosion which at Caracas buried in a moment ten thousand people; wrought ruin along the whole line of the Andes, and ended in an awful outburst from the Soufriere of St. Vincent, whose dust darkened the sun for an entire day, and spread over a hundred miles of sea and land. This eruption changed the appearance of the island, and seemed to have destroyed its eastern end. The present crater formed at that time is half a mile long in diameter and five hundred feet deep. The old crater is now a beautiful blue lake, walled in by jagged cliffs to a height of eight hundred feet.

But the devastation of April 1812 has not been repeated. The volcano did its work and gave vent to the hidden forces of a continent, and beneficent nature has repaired the ruin and made the island more beautiful than ever. We landed from boats at a little wharf built out from the sandy beach which curves from the northern headland around to the southern promontory, and found Kingstown a neat and pleasant town. Some of the party made friends with residents, and were invited to bring their pajamas and make an interval in the voyage under the palm and cinnamon trees with tropical company and its delights; but they were loyal to their companions and though sorely tempted, followed the example of Ulysses without being tied to the mast or having their ears plugged with cotton after the style of the Homeric hero.

We found that the stone buildings along the seashore were occupied as a police station and government stores. Three streets, broad and lined with good houses, are laid out fronting the water, and these are intersected at right angles by other streets which

run back to the foothills, from which roads lead into the mountain regions and around the shore to the north and south. Along these streets are rows of palms, whose columnar stems are crowned with waving fronds, so that the town lies in a beautiful crescent leaning back against the verdurous hills, itself half-hidden in a lovely grove, while far above and beyond rises the dark mountain around whose torn and rent edges the clouds are ever floating. Froude was reminded of Norway by the scene, and it is true that St. Vincent has some of the characteristics of those bright wooden-built towns which the traveler finds upon the steep sides of the dark fjords of that northern land, but here nature is so lavish of her treasures that the sentiment of grandeur is quite overcome by the softer beauties of the landscape. In the center of the picture as seen from the roadstead is the handsome government house. It stands at the highest point of a richly stocked and well cultivated botanical garden, where we saw plantations of pineapples, the cinnamon, clove, camphor and nutmeg, mahogany, ceiba, cotton-wood and many wild-wood trees, and a great variety of plants and flowers. The main room of the government house is a wide hall reaching from front to rear, furnished and used for both *salon* and dining rooms, with bedrooms opening out on either side. Beyond these is a large and deep tank for bathing, and still further on are the servants' offices and farm buildings. Loaded with flowers and fruits, we descended to the town, passing upon our way an arrowroot plantation with its simple mill. The root grows in fields which are planted as corn is planted for fodder. When sufficiently grown it is dug up and cutted to the mill. The tubers are there broken off, ground, washed and strained, and the mass is allowed to settle for a few days. The product is then placed on wirework frames of different sized meshes to dry. It gradually sifts down from the coarse upper frame to the lowest fine netting, and by that time it has become dry and is ready to be barreled and shipped. It now brings \$5 a barrel, or about 8 cents a pound. Not many years ago it brought from 40 to 60 cents. This high price led many into the business, and, like most West Indian industries, this has been overdone, with the usual result.

Our voyage to the southward was drawing towards its end. We steamed from St. Vincent past the Grenadines, which are a group of long, low islands varying from mere rocks to islands having an area of eight or ten thousand acres. Most of them are inhabited by a contented and fairly prosperous population. Bequia is the largest and nearest to St. Vincent. It is six miles long and a mile wide, and its highest hill is nearly a thousand feet above the sea. Baliceaux, Battavia, Mustique, Canonau, Carriacou and Union island are some among many owned perhaps by one person or firm. Cattle and sheep are raised on these islands, but the only communication between them and the larger islands is by boats. Granada is the farthest south of the Caribbees, and is one of the most beautiful of the chain. It is eighteen miles long and seven broad, with lofty and extinct volcanic craters and a picturesque lake more than two miles in circumference and 2,000 feet above the sea. We were sorry not to visit its capital, Georgetown (also called St. George's), with its fine harbor, walled town, pretty red-roofed houses on the hillside, and churches with tapering spires. There are monkeys enough in the mountains of Granada, and great is said to be the sport of hunting them, and there is also agreeable human society in the town. But we were bound for Barbados, and all night long we rolled, steaming easterly against a head wind and sea, to the temporary discomfort of some of the passengers. Morning found us at anchor in front of Bridgetown among a crowd of vessels, with the green and white island of Barbados densely dotted with little cabins among sugar-cane fields, extending as far as the eye could reach.—"Augustus," in *New York Observer*.

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told about increasing crops; and the very
low prices of grain do not bear witness of
a starvation period near at hand. Even if
Europe has been brought under cultivation
to its utmost capacity there are immense
lands in America, Africa and Australia only
waiting for the plow for yielding excellent
crops; and now the distinguished scientist
and explorer, Baron Nordenskjöld, has
uttered as his opinion that the granary of
the coming century will not be in any of
the said divisions of the world but in Si-
beria.

Perhaps, last of all, would such abun-
dant of wheat be expected from this Asiatic
country, whose name alone is sufficient to
produce a chill; but Nordenskjöld gives
important reasons for his opinions, which
are the more entitled to respect because
they are founded on observations he has
made himself through his travels in these
vast regions.

The natural qualities of Siberia he says
are essentially the same as those of America.
In the north the country is covered by im-
mense deserts, without forests, where it is
so cold as to forever exclude cultivation.
South of these deserts,—about on 60 deg.
lat,—there is an enormous belt of forests,
the greatest in the world, reaching with few
interruptions from the Ural mountains to
the coast of the Pacific ocean, a length of
2,800 miles, with a width of about 65 miles.
South of this forest belt, up to about 50
deg. lat., are the great Siberian plains, in
the summer covered with a splendor of
flowers, a flora with some of the most mag-
nificent varieties that can be imagined, many
of them the pride of the hot-houses in the
west. These flowers grow in a black soil of
unusually fertility. At comparatively

small expense, this soil, one year after
another, could produce immense crops of
maize, rice and wheat, the export of which
can be effected through the great waterways
of the rivers Irtysh, Ob, Jenisey, Lena and
Amur, with their numerous branches, which
through canals built by the Russian govern-
ment are brought in connection with each
other.

Nordenskjöld calls attention to Port
Dickson, a harbor at the mouth of Jenisey
in the Siberian sea, discovered by him.
The way from this port to the Atlantic
ocean north of Norway has frequently been
navigated without considerable difficulty,
and would be still more available when
Port Dickson has come in telegraphic con-
nection with the coast stations, where the
sailors could be informed about the fre-
quently changing ice conditions in the
Siberian sea. The Russian government is
doing everything possible for this route, and
has each summer sent out vessels for meas-
uring and investigating the depths, taking
maps, &c.

Besides these waterways, which will be
useful for exports only in the summer time,
the Russian government is building a rail-
road across Siberia. When finished, that
road will cover the distance from the Ural
mountains to Vladivostok at the Pacific
ocean, 3,940 miles, the costs of which are
estimated at 480,000,000 rubles. The
road will pass through the above-named
fertile plains, touching there all points of
importance, as Omsk, Marinsk, Atchinsk,
Krasnojarsk, Tomsk, Irkutsk, &c.; and, as
coal is found in plenty and the road will
be operated principally "for the good of the
country," the freight rates will be fixed at a
very low scale, thereby enabling the Siberian
products to take up competition on the
European markets. The road, in its full
length, is expected to be finished in the
beginning of next century, and at the same
time the canalization is expected to be suf-
ficiently completed.

Nordenskjöld has the opinion that Siberia
will already in the next century play the
same role for Europe as has America held
for nearly one century and a half.—*N. Y.*
Journal of Commerce.

SÃO PAULO BONDSMEN.

"And the wise, knowing that
there are three things whose
effect upon himself, no man can
foretell, namely, desire of won-
ing, the dice-box, and the drink-
ing of ardent spirits—but total
abstinence from them the best of
rules. Yet, after all, if there is
no cure we must milk the bull."

Tales of Hindu Deceit.—Bourton.

'Aburrido!' which is, in the vulgar, I am
bored to death. Man delights me not, nor
woman either. As for the Mermaid, I am
tired of her;—yea, tired and sick also.
You never came.

"In vain she wept,
And dressed the gold tresses of her hair."
She was lonely, and I pitied her. *Que
vouliez vous?* And now I feel like a fish
out of water.

To fall into this frame of mind is, in any
place, a "parlous" thing; but in São Paulo
it is fatal. Life here is dulness, only saved
from utter stagnation and made more bear-
able by diversified petty miseries. Where
else can you show me such mind, such
'bonds,' such bad cookery, such a climate,
such mosquitoes? As for the last, goaded
to despair, for the second time in life I
'drop into poetry.' I call it

"SWEET, SWEET!"

BY A SÃO PAULO CANARY.

"Sweet is the chime of the vespers bell
To the tired worker's ear.
And sweet the pipe of Philomel
In the moonlight soft and clear.
Sweet, too, no doubt, is my Editor's pipe
When he's fixed up his weekly "News,"
More sweet than the talk where the lovers walk
In the shade of the tall bamboos.
Sweet, in this heat, is the rush of rain—
Provided you don't get wet—
But sweetest of all, to me and you,
Is the song of the wily Mos-kee-toe.
As he warbles on what—from his point of view—
Is the wrong side of the net!"

In vain I turn for solace to the new-
papers; for I cannot undertake to be al-
ways interested in the telegrams despatched
from Rio at the "ultima hora," which flash
forth such thrilling tidings as that the post-
master at Burroquassú has received leave of
absence to treat of his health, or that the
ministro de fazenda has requested the man-
ager of the "Longdong Bank," as a per-
sonal favor, to raise the rate of exchange to
27 pence, and let us all be happy. Neither
can I every day at 4 p. m. throw myself
into a state of excitement when they inform
me that my beloved country is going to
fight all the nations on earth, "one down,

'other come on,' or all together, at catch
weights, or any way they like, all day long
and every day of the week, Sundays in-
cluded.

Then the advertisement columns are
hardly more satisfactory. True, am glad to
read, under the head of "Registro do Bem,"
that a gentleman with some fifteen names,
all of which he publishes in full, has sent
18720 to the editor, for distribution among
the deserving poor, in memory of his
mother, deceased; while another column
tells me that a *casal* offers itself for service
in a family of distinction, the man, as
cozinheiro, to stew *feijão* and beef to rags,
throw cigarette stumps about the house,
and drink coffee at half hourly intervals;
the woman, to play skittles with the crock-
ery, when not engaged in waiting on her
lord and master.

Engomendadeiras too, one sees, offer them-
selves by the score at reasonable prices, and
meças italianas, with such *abundante leti-*
that one wonders where they get it all from,
are to be had on application to the editor.

But all these announcements are stereo-
typed and wearisome.

Nevertheless there is one subject, seldom
touched on in the papers, but often in con-
versation, any reference to which rouses the
most lethargic Paulista to fury. It is that
of the "bonds." There are even those who
go about declaring that our "bond" service
is the worst in the world!

Perhaps so; but it is certainly the best
managed. It is the cleverest attempt to get
a quart of beer out of a pint pot that I have
ever seen. None can fail to recognise, with
gratitude, the efforts which have been made
by the *Sur, Dr. M. D. gerente* of the com-
pany with the view of improving it; but
the evil is apparently beyond the reach of
medical skill.

The problem the managers have to solve
is how to meet a steadily increasing traffic
with a diminishing number of mules. Ob-
viously there are two courses open to them:
1), to buy more mules, and, 2), to take
more work out of the mules on hand. The
latter alternative has been adopted as being
the more economical, the added expense in
whips being comparatively trifling, and the
drivers doing the extra sweating for noth-
ing. *En passant*, I understand, though I
do not vouch for the truth of the statement,
that a machine was privately tried at the
company's *officinas* by means of which—the
bond wheels supplying the motive power—the
mules were to be made to do their own
whipping; but it was not a success, as
those long-suffering, long-eared animals,
more intelligent than their masters, having
discovered that when the bond stopped the
whipping stopped also, flatly refused to
budge.

However, a new *horario* was issued, and
its effects exceeded the most sanguine ex-
pectations. São Paulo became quite lively,
or at least "deadly lively." Hygienopolis
was hopeful, as it heard there were to be
three bonds thither each hour of the day.

The air straightway resounded with
thwacks and shouts, "bond," ran off the
rails at every turn, people stood about in
groups staring at the *horario* and consulting
their watches. The three Hygienopolis
bonds came together at the switch; one
promptly went off the rails, and the other two
faced one another on the same line,
till, after a prolonged and acrimonious dis-
cussion in the Italian language, a conductor
conceived the brilliant idea of a "*balloção
de passageiros*."

Similar scenes were enacted at every street
corner, and energy was the order of the day.

Still, even this state of things was not con-
sidered quite satisfactory; and the C. V. P.,
in its zeal and anxiety to serve the public,
went a step further. It being out of the
question to increase the number of mules
by purchase, or to extract any more draw-
ing power from them by the stimulative
treatment before alluded to, only one re-
source remained, namely, to reduce the
number of passengers. This, I rejoice to
say, has been done, and with the best re-
sults. Each bond has now its appointed
lotação, and, when full, carries a *taboleta*
bearing the magic word "*completo*," to an-
nounce the fact. "Achieved is the glorious
work," and everybody is, or ought to be,
satisfied. The passengers in the "bond" are
pleased to think that their triumphal path
is strewn with the disappointed hopes of
those who tried to get seats and were un-
successful, while the latter have the satisfac-
tion of arriving at their destinations more
speedily and comfortably, on foot, than if
they had invoked the aid of the company.

In the meantime the worthy *gerente* goes sailing round, in a special bond of special construction—a sort of palanquin on wheels—and surveys the scene of his labors, smiling amiably through Pickwickian spectacles—probably rose colored—and receiving the homage of his bondsmen as he goes; while the conductors—as to each of whom it may be truly said that his word is as good as his bond—enter into financial transactions with their passengers, giving promises to pay at short dates—in lieu of cash—for change, and rising rapidly by this simple means to social rank and affluence.

Well, as Mr. Croaker says, "Heaven send we be all alive and well this day six months." I trust, at least, we may never hear the roar of a furious Panlista mob, chanting the chorus "Let us break their bonds in sunder," as they proceed to wreak their blind fury on those frail vehicles; but "Such things have been," says Farmer Brown. "They have!" says Farmer Brown.

S. Paulo, April 4th, 1896. N. D.

RIVER PLATE ITEMS

—A Buenos Aires telegram of the 11th says that many foreign naval officers residing in Argentina have offered their services to that government.

—It is telegraphed from Montevideo that Dr. Ladislao Terra will succeed Dr. Carlos de Castro as Uruguayan minister to Brazil, and that he will bring secret instructions.

—The Spanish government has presented President Urquiza with the cross of military merit. But, what military role has Dr. Urquiza ever played in win such a distinction?

—Buenos Aires telegrams of the 8th inst. state that the Argentine government is expecting 62 Krupp guns in a few days. They are of various calibers and consist of field and siege guns. The minister of war has also purchased 55,000 tons of coal in England by the way.

—The intendant has submitted to the municipal council a proposal presented by Carlos Heynemann & Co. for establishing and working a network of tramways, with traction by electric power, which will unite the extreme point of the municipality and the neighboring villages and towns of the province of Buenos Aires. The reports of the technical offices are favorable to the proposal. —*Buenos Aires Herald.*

—The U. S. S. steamer *Albatross* with Admiral Norton and his gallant officers and crew, sailed for the States early on Saturday morning, a day sooner than was expected. Captain Stirling of the *Albatross* is now in command of the station. The *Albatross* and *Cadiz* will go to Buenos Aires in May, and, by desire of Minister Buchanan, a signal will be hoisted to take part in the patriotic celebrations of the 25th. —*Montevideo Times*, March 31.

—The typhoid fever and the smallpox have suddenly broken out with violent characteristics in Carballo. The waters of the reservoir used for the city are blamed for the plague, and were said to be in a bad hygienic condition long ago. The local *asistencia* and police have been put in motion to prevent the spread of the disease, and the former has published bulletins of warning, and with instructions to the people. We hope the epidemic will be quickly stopped. —*Times*, Buenos Aires.

—We regret to hear of an unpleasant adventure in which Mr. T. H. Watson, general superintendent of the Equitable Insurance Company, was the unwilling hero. Mr. Watson, while riding on his bicycle in Palermo Park on Sunday evening, was knocked down by a runaway horse and became senseless a minute. While in this state he was robbed of his gold watch and chain by some lurking Sambo. Mr. Watson is, we are pleased to hear, quite well again. We congratulate him on his escape. —*Southern Cross*, Buenos Aires, March 27.

—Mr. Abraham Wilkes has obtained from the Tucuman government the exclusive privilege to establish cotton factories for a term of 6 years free of provincial and municipal taxes, on condition that the cotton goods manufactured by the provincial government are supplied at a reduction of 25 per cent on market prices, and that the capital to be invested in those factories amounts to \$500,000. Mr. Wilkes has effected the deposit of \$40,000 in guarantee of the fulfillment of the contract, and we understand that he has made arrangements to raise the necessary capital in England. —*Times*, Buenos Aires.

—Belief in witchery is so common here that even the courts have to listen to long lectures on supposed cases. A married gentleman has just appeared before Judge Benavente relating a long story of how a certain friend of his had come to his house and exerted a charm upon his wife by means of a bouquet of flowers. As soon as the wife of the said gentleman smelt it she was so bewitched that she eloped with the notorious friend. But two days later a strong attack of fever despoiled the charm and she returned to her husband in a rather penitent mood. The judge ordered his secretary to write down that he had heard the story. —*Times*, Buenos Aires.

—Another case of yellow fever has occurred in the infected block of houses at Belgrano. This has upset the theories of the sanitary doctors, who supposed that all danger disappeared at the end of ten days from the last death, but we doubt whether the danger disappears at all so long as any contaminated article of clothing, etc., remains in existence, unless it has been exposed in every part to a very high degree of temperature. Another case occurred in San Martin 1987, Belgrano, which proved fatal. The body was sent to the *caso de aislamiento* for the autopsy and cremation. Three persons who were living in the same house were removed from it and sent to Martin Garcia. —*Buenos Aires Herald*.

—Conferences between the minister of foreign affairs and the Brazilian minister on the question of the slave convention are to be resumed next week, and it is thought that this time a practical result will be attained, no further difficulties being expected. The joke of the matter is that this season we have got on very well indeed without any convention at all, and in fact far better than when the convention existed. The secret lies, we venture to say, in the exercise of a little common-sense and moderation on the part of the sanitary authorities, more than in adherence to any formal and unelastic conditions. The former convention was a nuisance, for it practically compelled a declaration of quarantine in cases where there was no necessity for it. —*Montevideo Times*, March 28.

—We see that the latest *convenciones* laws are still in existence in the Guyana provinces. Recently in Tucuman a question arose between the national recruiting depot and some local magistrates whose workmen had enlisted. By the famous and ubiquitous *convenciones* laws the *país* is simply a serf and even the national government cannot liberate him. Like laws exist in Calamarca, and we mistake not, in Rioja and Junco. Surely it is time for the Argentine republic to abolish feudalism. We see that the Tucuman senate has resolved to stand by this slave law because, of course, the senators are slave planters, and the serfs are useful to them. Nevertheless the national government should intervene and crush this barbarous revival of the old vicinias. —*Southern Cross*, Buenos Aires.

—There was a sort of mutiny a few days ago in the school, and according to the reports in the papers the punishment applied was a sort which would fit an English schoolboy with disgust at its apparent injustice. Instead of seizing the ringleaders and giving them a most salutary flogging, four boys have been expelled, his being cast in selecting the victims. It is most probable that by this means the innocent have been made to suffer for the guilty, while expulsion is surely too severe a punishment for an act of insubordination, which a flogging would repress quite effectually. As far as we can judge from the little we see of the Argentine schoolboy, and from what we read in the papers of his constant wranglings with his masters, the prohibition of corporal punishment in the schools of this country is the worst possible effect. We believe that somewhere in the world is the average boy so precocious, mischievous, insolent, and utterly wanting in manners and deference to his elders, as in Buenos Aires, and we attribute it entirely to the fact that the absurd shibboleth, *la dignidad del hombre*, prevents his receiving the salutary thrashings that would take the nonsense out of him and put him on his proper boyish level, instead of fancying himself a man at 14 and carefully cultivating the habits and vices which, in many cases, ruin him in health and character at an early age. —*Review*, Buenos Aires.

—An afternoon contemporary recently told a story too good not to be repeated. The scene was the *Agenda*, and the principal actors an over-gallant young man and a girl much his inferior in social position. The youth had been making hot love to her, and had succeeded in persuading her to fly with him without waiting for parents' consent, priest's blessing or judge's license, which, we need hardly say, was decidedly reprehensible. A night was appointed on which the amorous couple were to meet at a certain quiet spot not far from the girl's home, and thence proceed in a hired coach to a lodging. Now, the gallant knew the place well enough, but had kept out of the way of his family, and consequently did not know that she had a brother who was a hackney coachman. As usual (or ill) luck would have it, the very coach hired by him for the elopement was the one driven by the brother. The hour came, the coach was in readiness, the gallant all impatience, and finally the girl appeared on the scene. She entered the vehicle and her lover was about to follow, when the coachman-brother, who had suddenly arrived at a perception of what was passing, seized him, knocked him down, gave him a good thrashing with his whip, and then drove the astonished girl alone, not to the nest of love, but to her parents' house. The gallant was left lamenting, but did not inform the police of the assault committed upon him. The coachman lost a fare, but saved a sister. —*Montevideo Times*.

—The public has been treated to a few very unpleasant sensations during the week in regard to the Chilean boundary question. We had the news that all negotiations had been broken off and that our minister in Chile, Dr. Quiroga Costa, had asked for his recall in view of the uncompromising attitude adopted by our neighbors. This was published on Saturday evening by the *Triunfo* and the *Times*. On Sunday morning it was daily contradicted. We were also informed that Chile had obtained from Japan a battle-ship of over 12,000 tons, which was being finished in the yard of Armstrong and Co., in England. This was also contradicted in due course by the statement that the Japanese government had made no such concession to Chile, and that the ship in question was merely an 800-ton armored cruiser in course of construction for our neighbors, the dimensions, armaments and speed of which we knew all about four or five months ago. On Tuesday and Wednesday there were rumors of concessions made by the Argentine government to Chilean claims, and of Chilean demands upon our southern frontiers, all of which vanished into thin air in a few hours. The real truth of the business, according to our information, is that the Chilean government is anxious to arrive at a friendly settlement, but that it is desirous of getting a strong mandate in that sense from congress before approaching the final agreement with our foreign office. The Chilean claims are called for the right of Atacama, and after that date we shall have to hear something satisfactory and definite. Meanwhile, it is the duty of every sensible person to protest in the strongest terms against the exploitation of public opinion by miscreant newspapers. Happily, the lying telegrams in question have had very little effect for the simple reason that the papers which claim to be so often upon the subject of this subject and upon others equally important, that very few people take them seriously. Still this scandalous position of journalism is a crime, as well as a shame, and should be punished as it deserves. —*The Southern Cross*, March 27.

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AMONG the projects advocated at the Pan-American congress at Washington some years ago was that of an international American bank. We believe there was some kind of an agreement in regard to the desirability of such an institution, but as the Latin Americans expected their Anglo-Saxon neighbor to furnish the article, together with the necessary capital to run it, the project did not materialize at the time. For practical bankers the scheme did not present any exceptional attractions, and as the Americans have had but slight experience with investments of that description in foreign countries the capital was not provided. Since that time there have been changes and agitations of various descriptions which have served to prevent a reconsideration of the question, and it is only within the last three or four months, under the interest in American affairs aroused by the Guiana-Venezuela boundary dispute, that it has been again brought into prominence. From what we can learn through our exchanges, the project is now before Congress in the shape of a bill granting a special charter, the banking laws of the United States making no provisions for an institution of its character. In all probability the bill will be passed and the bank will be organized. It will then seek to establish its branches, or agencies, in all the principal cities of Latin America, which will of course consume much time and negotiation. Without doubt its promoters intend to secure for it some semi-official character, and this will involve jealousies, opposition and obstruction at every step. And then, when it is all done, what is the bank to do? A bank can materially assist merchants and others where trade and industry have already prepared the way, but how is a bank to develop a trade which does not exist? The great bulk of Brazilian trade, including all financial operations, is with Europe. The United States is a very large buyer of coffee, sugar and rubber, but against these only about an eighth is sent to Brazil in merchandise. The balance must be paid either in gold, or through credit exchanges with Europe. The latter is of course the more convenient, consequently American purchases in Brazil are paid for with British credits. This implies that the business will be transacted through British banks. Of course there is no patriotic sentiment wasted in these matters. The coffee buyer is obliged to use a large capital, and as the margin of profit is apparently small and the risks caused by exchange fluctuations are very great, he is compelled to consider the best terms. The one thirty-second of a penny will get his custom every time, other conditions being equal. He would give the business to a Chinese bank in order to save that thirty-second part of a penny. This being the case, an American bank will be obliged to have a London connection and be prepared to execute exactly the same kind of a business that the British banks do, otherwise it will find its field of operations very much restricted.

The sudden and undignified termination of the Anglo-Chilian tribunal for the settlement of claims arising from the recent civil war, is worthy of serious consideration. It will not discredit the principle of international arbitration, although it will tend to make such tribunals less trustworthy until some

better plan is adopted for their organization. The tribunal in question was composed of a British and Chilian representative, who were advocates quite as much as judges. The third member and president of the tribunal was M. Camille Janssen, who was chosen by the king of Belgium at the request of the two governments. M. Janssen was therefore the sole judge, or arbitrator, in the cases presented for consideration. On his arrival in Chili, he spent some time in travelling about the country, accepted Chilian hospitality and flattery in all directions, and is charged with even accepting various favors placed in his way by the Chilian government. If the charges made against him are true, he seriously compromised himself to Chili before the tribunal was opened, and the British representative should therefore have declined to sit on the tribunal with him. As the British representative remained silent, however, the charges against him must be dismissed and his decisions must be accepted. As anticipated the British and Chilian members of the tribunal invariably decided for and against the claims as advocates of the two opposing parties, and not as judges. M. Janssen's decision, therefore, determined whether the claim should be allowed, or not. From the outset he seems to have stubbornly disregarded all evidence showing that the destruction of property was wanton and unnecessary, and his decisions were almost wholly in favor of Chili. The recent tendency among civilized nations to hold a government responsible for the deliberate destruction of a non-combatant's property was entirely ignored, even in cases where evidence was offered to prove that the destruction was caused by malevolent feelings and without the slightest military necessity. As long as these decisions were given, the path of M. Janssen was strewn with roses, and his praises were loudly sung in all the Chilian newspapers. Toward the end, however, he seems to have relented somewhat in his opposition to the British claims, and a dozen decisions, running almost continuously in their favor, were given. This seems to have so surprised the Chilian member that he forgot the dignified course pursued by his British colleague, and he sought to render a separate decision instead of recording his protest. A sharp controversy followed and then the tribunal broke up. M. Janssen hastily leaving the country in a bad temper. How this will influence the settlement of these claims, we do not know, but it will help not only to render such tribunals unpopular, but also to discredit a country which will not submit gracefully to a few adverse decisions among many that are suspiciously favorable. And it will probably lead to a more favorable consideration of a fixed international tribunal for the settlement of such disputes instead of the unsatisfactory ones thus far employed.

WITHIN a very brief time we shall have another congressional session upon us, with all its uncertainties and empty pretensions and miserable failures. This congress, however, is the medium provided by the constitution and chosen by the people to enact laws for the well-being of the country. The country must therefore either be satisfied with its work, or seek to influence its action. As the first is impossible, the second must be chosen, and we trust that it will be used persistently and urgently. Brazil is clearly in a bad way, not from war or other calamity, but simply from misgovernment. Production has increased, and the revenues have been enormously augmented. Thousands of foreign laborers have been imported and are now at work on the plantations. New industries have been initiated, and commerce has everywhere expanded. But still the revenues are insufficient, the national debt has been enormously increased, the states and many municipalities have both increased their expenses and their debts, the currency of the country has depreciated to less than one-third of its nominal value, rents, prices, interest and all other costs of business and living have been largely augmented, the duties on imports and the expenses of dispatching goods have been increased, and the present state of trade is now worse than ever before. It would be apparent to even the most superficial observer that there is something radically wrong in the direction of the country's business affairs, or these unfavorable conditions would not appear. The question arises, then, how can the situation be improved? It is worth the serious considera-

tion of every Brazilian, for it involves a choice between prosperity, on the one side, and bankruptcy, on the other. It is the duty of the press to discuss every question bearing on the subject, and to enforce its opinions upon congress. And it must compel the legislator to understand that he is making laws for the country, and not for his own amusement. We are burdened with an excessive and depreciated currency; let it be reformed. We are cursed with a burdensome customs taxation and vexatious customs regulations; let them be reduced and simplified. We are importing colonialism when all the public lands belong to the states; let it be stopped. We are paying subsidies to parasitic corporations who make no return for the sacrifice; let that be stopped. We are supporting non-productive enterprises, like the Central railway, which cause infinite trouble and give no return; let them be sold. We are still trying to support an extravagant class through the issue of loan certificates (*bonos*) and without any other result than an increase in public indebtedness; let that be ended likewise. In short, let us get back to the simple duties of government, shorn of all those costly and complicated accessories involved in banking, protection, subsidies, assistance to planters, railway and telegraph ownership, etc. The people may manage these things badly, but the state is doing infinitely worse. At any rate, until we have more experience, knowledge and self-control, let us keep the government within the narrowest bounds.

PROVINCIAL NOTES

—In the state of S. Paulo there are 102 district courts.

—There have recently arrived at Par  130 Spanish immigrants.

—It is reported that a branch of the Rio de Janeiro military club is to be established at Par .

—There were 28 fever cases under treatment in the isolated hospital at Santos on the 10th inst.

—The governor-elect of Bahia, Dr. Luiz Viana, took formal possession of that office on the 6th inst.

—There were 282 immigrants introduced into the state of Rio de Janeiro during the month of March.

—The inauguration of Dr. Corr  de Araujo, the new governor of Pernambuco, took place on the 7th inst.

—It is stated that the number of murders reported in the state of Minas Geraes in the last 40 years is 2,265.

—A S. Paulo telegram states that on the 9th inst. there were many copies of the counterfeited *Liberdade* sold in that city.

—Our conjecture that Gov. Lauro Sidi  would be a candidate in the state of Par  for the federal senate proves to be correct.

—The state legislature of S. Paulo was formally opened on the 7th inst. One of its duties will be to count the votes for governor.

—The sanitary condition of Limeira, S. Paulo, is said to be steadily improving. The cool weather has contributed largely to this end.

—During the quarter ending the 31st ult. there were 20 marriages, 150 births and 158 deaths in the municipality of Yt , S. Paulo.

—A telegram of the 11th inst. from Bahia reports that peaceful and law-abiding citizens at Valenga have been assailed by policemen.

—During the past month there were 411 deaths, 43 births and 11 marriages in Campinas, S. Paulo. It is not a hopeful record, surely.

—In Bahia Baiao da Camargos on being elected president of the senate, immediately resigned and Dr. Aquino Tanajura was elected in his stead.

—The Pernambuco assembly created by ex-Gov. Barbosa Lima has given him a complimentary vote. It could not well have done otherwise.

—Dr. Henrique Gorceis says that during the 15 years in which he resided at Ouro Preto he only heard of two or three thefts committed in that city.

—The formal counting of the votes cast in the recent Bahia municipal election, gives Dr. Freire Carvalho 2,849 and Dr. Paula Guimaraes 2,810.

—In S o Paulo a number of *officers* have been arrested and imprisoned and the courts have refused to issue writs of habeas corpus in their favor.

—Several cases of yellow-fever have occurred at Maranh  and one death has been reported on board the Argentine bark *Progreso* lying in that port.

—From the 28th ult. to the 3rd inst. inclusive there were 49 interments in the Marbury cemetery at Niter y. Of these 8 were caused by yellow-fever.

—A S o Paulo paper of the 10th publishes a telegram from Rio stating that two members of the President's cabinet will resign as soon as congress opens.

—The municipal council of S o Paulo has prohibited the barbarous method of killing fish by the use of dynamite bombs. Notwithstanding this, bombs are still used.

—Among the recent deaths from yellow-fever in Santos is the wife of Gen. Laurendino Pinto, of Rio Grande, who had arrived from the son's only a few days previously.

—The epidemic of small-pox in Par  appeared to be steadily increasing at our latest mail advices, notwithstanding the efforts of the sanitary authorities to isolate the disease.

—The superior court of the state of Rio de Janeiro has decided that the municipal chamber of Niter y was not legally elected. One of the aldermen, Alcebades Leite, in view of this decision, has tendered his resignation. Another has resigned on the plea of illness; but the majority seem disposed to attempt to hold their offices.

—S o Paulo has been agitated during the past week over the discovery of a headless body in the Travessa do Garimeteiro. It is thought that the police know who the assassin is.

—"Serzedello," says the *Journal do Commercio's* correspondent in Par , "is one of the future representatives of this state in the federal congress."

—A Mendon telegraph to the *Journal do Commercio* on the 11th says that the result of the gubernatorial election in Amazonas as far as known are: Senator Machado 1,714; Fileto Pires 668; Peirana 645.

—Futaleza, Cear , telegrams of the 11th state that the gubernatorial election there had transpired without disturbance. The federal candidate, Dr. Antonio Pinto Nogueira Accioly, received 799 votes in that city.

—The chief of police of the state of Rio de Janeiro has ordered the punishment of the police detachments at Rezende and S. Jo o da Barra for indiscreet conduct toward the police authorities of those localities.

—Dr. Corr  de Araujo, the new governor of Pernambuco, in his telegram informing the President of his inauguration, promises to contribute as long as he can to the defence of the republic and the constitution. The governor is cautious.

—In Pernambuco it was reported some days ago that ex-Governor Barbosa Lima had informed the present governor that his life is in danger and had asked for a police force to watch over him and protect him. The report has been contradicted.

—A man said to be 145 years old recently died at Maca , Par , and another said to be 125 years old, at Mazag , in the same state. These stories should be taken with a grain of salt, however, as they are generally based on vague conjectures.

—The gubernatorial elections in Par  on the 7th inst. resulted in the election of the federal candidate, Dr. Raymundo Artur de Vasconcelos as governor and Col. Joaquim Dias de Sant'Anna as vice-governor. The opposition obtained about 500 votes.

—The retiring governor of S o Paulo, Dr. Bernardino de Campos, retires from office on the 15th inst., but his successor, Dr. Campos Salles, will not take charge until the 1st prox. The president of the senate will act as governor during the interval.

—The *Commercio de S o Paulo* of the 12th says that the police delegate who has been up country in search of counterfeiters, has apprehended an enormous quantity of counterfeit notes, all the machinery with which they were made, and some of the criminals. Good!

—At Bahia, on the 9th inst., Macielino Cardoso, who to avenge wrongs that he had suffered, killed Jos  Ayres Le o, was tried and acquitted. The courtroom was crowded with spectators who received the verdict of the jury with significant demonstrations of approval.

—Appropos to the celebrated motion voted at the military club, the municipal chamber of Camu  has telegraphed to the municipal council of Rio de Janeiro that it will give the venerable Dr. Prudente de Moraes its unqualified support in anything which he may choose to do.

—Recent mail advices from S. Carlos do Pina , S o Paulo, state that the epidemic there is again increasing in violence. On March 29 there were five deaths from yellow-fever without having had medical advice, from which it will be seen that the situation is far from satisfactory.

—A S o Paulo telegram of the 6th says that the license granted to the "Centro Athletico Paulista"—an athletic society—had been revoked because of the discovery that the society was engaged in scandalous gambling. It will be very difficult to find any club or association which is not.

—In S o Paulo the police have inaugurated an active campaign against the "cafet s." It is commendable, of course, to use every effort against the shameful traffic in which these persons are engaged, but will it succeed as long as the demand exists? Why not go to the root of the evil?

—On the 10th inst. 62 men and 2 officers of the Minas Geraes state police embarked on the Lloyd's steamer *Brazil* for Bahia, where they will go to Joazeiro by rail and then on to S. Francisco by boat to Janu ria. They are after the bandits who are terrorizing that region. The detachment lost five men in Rio from various causes.

—It is stated Col. Jos  Piedade, who is said to have been one of the original owners of the now archaic journal *Brazil*, will be aide-de-camp of Campos Salles when the latter takes office as governor of the state of S. Paulo. His record as a Jacobin and monarchist ought to be of great service both to himself and to his chief.

—The municipal authorities of Rio Claro, S o Paulo, have rented a house in the outskirts of that town for the reception of travellers from infected places who have been unable to find shelter in any of the hotels or restaurants of that town. A few days ago two strangers were compelled to pass the night in the open street because no one would admit them.

—The sanitary state of S. Carlos do Pina , S o Paulo, continues unfavorable. The new cases of fever are nearly all fatal. On the 1st inst. there were 21 cases under treatment in the isolated hospital. During the past month there were 73 deaths from yellow-fever in that town, against 72 from all other causes. Later advices report the epidemic as declining.

—It is reported that yellow-fever has appeared at Dorcas do Pirahy, state of Rio de Janeiro, with so much intensity that 20 deaths from it were registered in the short space of three days. For a small village, this implies a virulent epidemic. The village has no doctor, and the patients are left to die without medical advice of any description beyond what the local druggist is able to do for them.

—Manoel Isidoro, who is classified by the state government of Alagoas as a bandit, is said to be a man that was driven to desperation by the injustice of the authorities. This house was burned, his life threatened, his family driven to the walls, one of his sons killed, and his son-in-law killed. He has since taken a terrible revenge and has become so formidable that the governor of Alagoas has telegraphed to President Prudente de Moraes for assistance, alleging that the police force of the state is unable to cope with him.

—A letter written last month from Lempois, in the state of Bahia, says that at that time there were 400 men under arms in the city and surrounding districts on account of local quarrels. Col. Polyg no Pereira Campos, however, had been sent by Councilor Luiz Viana to pacify the belligerents and induce them to sign an agreement by which they would leave the city.

—According to the official report there were 778 cases of yellow-fever reported by the physicians in Campinas during the month of March, of which 351 died and 145 were under treatment on March 31st. Of the deaths 103 occurred in the isolated hospital and 248 in the city. (The *Commercio* of the 9th credits the foregoing figures to S. Carlos do Pina , but as we have a different report for that town, apparently more correct, we leave the report as first written.)

—The Hospital Samaritano of S o Paulo, which is maintained principally by the foreign colonies of that city, is expecting a German certificated nurse to the beginning of next month. The Hamburg line of steamers are giving her free passage to Brazil, the Bremen line also offering to do the same. It is the design of the directors of this institution to employ English, French, German and Brazilian trained nurses, so that they may be able to speak all the languages required in the hospital.

—The *Provincia* of the 11th ult. says it was reported that a fight had occurred at Antunary, Amazonas, between friends of Manoel Feliciano Maciel and the military detachment stationed there. A group of the former, numbering 14 men, attacked the quarter where to soldiers were quartered, and killed every one of them. They also burned the houses, three children perishing in the flames. Of the attacking party, 8 were killed in the fight, making 21 lives lost in the affair.

—The *Tribuna* of Santos relates that on the evening of the 2nd inst. two mounted policemen fell upon a poor Portuguese boy, named Joaquin Moreira da Silva, at Par eta, and without pretext gave him a brutal beating with their whips. They then took him to the police station, where he remained a prisoner until the morning of the 4th, when he was released, it being reported that the Portuguese consul had applied for his release. No complaint was made against the boys, nor was any excuse given when he was released. If there were any respect for law in this country, these ruffians would now be under arrest, and the officials would be under prosecution for false imprisonment.

—A Campinas paper relates that on the 10th a poor man sent to a physician to see his wife who complained of illness. Instead of first asking the patient the physician sent the whole staff of himself and a cart to remove her to the isolated hospital. The poor woman was horrified, flung herself to the hospital, and actually ran away, taking refuge in the house of a friend. In compensation, the sanitary authorities arrested the husband and took him to jail. Another physician was then called to see the woman and found that her illness was trifling, only some slight disorder of the liver. Whether the unfortunate husband was then released, or not, our exchange does not say. It must be said, in this connection, that it is idle to abuse like this that the sanitary authorities owe their unpopularity among poor people.

RIO GRANDE DO SUL.

Judge Alcides Lima has been notified of the charge against him and informed that within 15 days he must prepare his defence in writing. He is said to be accused of the crimes of rebellion and sedition.

The autonomist party continues to display considerable activity. It has organized a local executive committee at Rio Grande, S. Jo o do Norte and Taquary, and Dr. Homero Baptista has gone to Jaguar  and other places in the interior for the purpose of perfecting the organization of his party.

The first number of *A Resurrei o*, a monarchist journal, made its appearance at Lavramento on the 6th inst. One of its carriers was arrested by a custom-house official, who seized his papers and caused them to be burnt.

It is stated that at Rio Grande the Castillistas will establish a paper to take the place of that which went over to the opposition.

Gen. Cantuaria is reported to have withdrawn the tender of his resignation.

It is said that the commander of the 28th battalion of infantry has been arrested and will be tried by court martial. The charge against him is not stated.

It is again reported that the 16th battalion of infantry will be withdrawn from the state, and it is even said that it is the government's intention to withdraw all the troops that were sent there after the commencement of the war.

At Passo Fundo there have been arrested several persons accused of having murdered Col. Chitru in 1892. Gen. Cantuaria is said to consider them unimportant political prisoners and to have consequently asked for their release.

Returns from the custom-houses for the present month show a considerable decline in the receipts. At Porto Alegre, up to the 9th inst., only 31,720-446 had been collected.

According to the official count the number of votes cast for Dr. Morys Viana, sole candidate for the senate vacancy vacated by Dr. Fernando Alho, was 12,444.

RAILROAD NOTES

—The Paulista company was to have signed the contract yesterday for the Agua Vermelha branch recently authorized.

—The plans for the projected new stations of the S. Paulo railway have been sent to the minister of industry for approval.

—The Leopoldina railway company has been fined 1,000 by the state government of Rio de Janeiro for irregularities on the Gr o-Par  line.

—On the 8th inst. the director of the Central railway received a telegram informing him that near the station of Esp rito Santo there had been a large landslide embracing some 25,000 cubic metres of earth and obstructing the road for a distance of 80 metres.

—The director of the Central railway has been authorized by the government to accept the proposal of Messrs. Haupt & Bichu for furnishing rails.

—It is stated that the Paulista company has declined to make 3,500 Westinghouse and American trucks for its freight trains at an estimated cost of £ 150,000.

—The new electric locomotive constructed by the Baldwin and Westinghouse companies is said to be a great success. It promises to completely revolutionize railway work.

—Our S o Paulo exchanges relate that the iron company of that city is refusing to recharter the company's stock, apparently for change. That company is evidently careless of its reputation.

—The Companhia Sorocabana-Iguana has contracted with Messrs. Lipton & Co. for 4,000 tons of rails for the line between It  and Santos, the shipments to be made in May, June and July.

—During the month of March the G mnia station of the Central railway received 360,870 packages of merchandise, weighing 32,448 metric tons. The receipts for the month were 593,262\$80.

—We are glad to note that the Itanambi Garden tram company has furnished its electric trams with transparent signs to indicate their destination and route. This will be a great convenience to passengers at night.

—One of the three stations to be opened this year on the Sul de Esp rito Santo railway is to be distinguished with the name of "Marcelino Freire." The other two should be called "Mundo" and "Carne."

—A baker at Campinas complains that 400 bags of flour recently shipped to him on the Central railway were left exposed to the rain for five days at the S. Jo o station. He estimates his loss at over 1,000\$000.

—From G mnia a petition is to be sent to the government asking for measures for accelerating the completion of the Mogiana line in Catal , so that the locomotive may reach the state capital before the end of the century.

—A telegram of the 9th inst. from S. Paulo says that the state government has decided in favor of the Companhia Paulista the question between that company and the Mogiana in regard to the right of way to Agua Vermelha.

—It is said that the special coach provided the diplomatic corps when they came down from Petropolis on Tuesdays and Fridays is so bad that the rain comes through the roof and the diplomats have to put up with umbrellas.

—The Central railway people are now apparently smashing up these Brooks locomotives as rapidly as possible, and there seems to be a disposition to find fault with them on account of the difficulties encountered in using them. This is all together wrong and unjust. The locomotives are not only good ones, but they have a high reputation among practical railway men. The fault lies wholly with the men who ordered locomotives much too heavy for the permanent way. The rails are light and worn and the sleepers rotten, and for these reasons alone the Brooks locomotives are un-usable.

LOCAL NOTES

—A fountain, encoined with the name "Aristides," was opened in Tijuca on the 11th inst.

—On last Tuesday Manoel Pe o, a Turk, was robbed of 5,000\$ by means of the confidence game.

—It is reported that when congress meets three of the cabinet ministers will tender their resignations.

—Capt. Pereira Pina , ex-political prisoner, has been appointed commander of the cruiser *Princesa de Marj *.

—On Friday night the launch *Luz* stranded on the Pedreira's rocks, where it remained till 2 o'clock a.m. on Saturday.

—Marshal Bataillon Ferraz has asked to return to active service, from which, he says, he was arbitrarily retired by the government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto.

—The Brazilian minister at Montevideo will now return to take his seat in congress. This is one of the conveniences of permitting men to hold two offices at once.

—The *Di rio Official* of yesterday contains over 400 names of persons who are requested to call at the 4th section of the post office for the purpose of making explanations.

—The new French minister, M. Stephan Picton, arrived here on the French packet *Chili* on the 7th inst. He will present his credentials to the President on Thursday next.

—The counterfeited revenue stamps in circulation are said to differ from the genuine only in not being separated by perforations. They are supposed to have been stolen from the mint.

—If Brazil was justified in declining arbitration on the Trindade case because her claim was strong and indisputable, then what must we infer from her willingness to accept arbitration on the Anap  dispute?

—It is said that all the military corps in Rio Grande do Sul sent there on account of the civil war, are to be at once withdrawn. This will of course weaken Castillos, but unless he is restrained it will not help the federalists.

—On the morning of the 11th burglars broke into the school of the Immaculate Conception where, in the private office of the sister superior, they stole 1,000\$ in money, 12 silver watches, 1 gold watch, and various other objects.

—In the municipal council of this city a bill has been introduced for granting three lotteries of 1,000,000\$ to the Candelaria brotherhood. It will be remembered that a bill to this effect was voted by congress and vetoed by the President.

—A conference to promote international arbitration, particularly between Great Britain and the United States, will be held in Washington on the 22nd inst. The Jingo elements will not favor the scheme, of course, as it will spoil their fireworks.

—The soldiers at Itanambi palace seem to have been in a bad humor on Sunday. It appears that on that day they arrested and beat a man who was taking to the railway station the copies of the *Journal do Brasil* to be posted to subscribers in the interior, and also assaulted a milkman who shortly afterwards passed with his cart. The President should see that his own guards free from these aggressive freaks.

—On last Tuesday police delegate Luiz Batholomew searched the shops of several stamp collectors for the purpose of finding counterfeit revenue stamps. The search proved to be entirely fruitless, none but genuine stamps having been found.

—It is said that the engines of the *Almôraes* *Tamandare* are nearly ready, and that the tug will soon take place. This phenomenal speed is really deserving of all praise. We may now expect to see this cruiser ready for sea sometime about the year 1900.

—The *Comunidade de São Paulo* is convinced, on good and sufficient grounds, that if Latin America is not on its guard it will be absorbed by the Saxon republic of North America. Should that ever happen, colleague, there will be a bad case of indigestion immediately afterwards.

—The *Pais* of the 10th relates how a young Paulista took revenge on a blackmailer for publishing a vile attack on his family. The blackmailer publishes a paper and uses it for the purpose of attacking those who do not make a satisfactory arrangement. Of course the *Pais* denounces the shameful speculation; it could not well do otherwise. And yet our neighbor has not a word to say when its political colleague, *O Nacional*, grossly maligns the character of a political adversary. Where does the *Pais* draw the line?

—The director of the vaccination institute announced that the service of that municipal department, at 197 Rua do Gattete, is free, and that it is ready to attend to all applicants. He advises the public that a failure to attend to this requirement is punishable with a fine of from \$50 to \$100.

—How about those counterfeiters who were released in this city some weeks ago because the prosecuting attorney had failed to prepare the indictments within the legal time? Have they returned to their criminal traffic, or not? And what has been done to the said attorney for his inexcusable neglect?

—Capt. Ennio Campello has been removed from the command of the *Barão de Itaipava* to that of the *corvete Trajano*, which is stationed at Bahia. Evidently Capt. Campello's praiseworthy conduct in regard to the military motion made him obnoxious to the commander of the naval division to which he belonged.

—We are glad to see signifi cant tendency towards economy in the telegrams sent by Corrêa de Araújo and Barboza Lima to the President appointing to the former's inauguration. Corrêa de Araújo says "Saudes," but dispenses with "Fraternalidade," and Barboza Lima exclaims "Viva a república," but omits "Patrie verité."

—Considerable anxiety was caused in this city on the 7th inst. by the injudicious announcement by a morning paper that the *Danube* had not been heard from and that it was feared something had happened. As the *Danube* was not due in Lisbon until the morning of the 8th, the notice was of course wholly without excuse.

—It is worthy of note that the jacobins, who call themselves the *partido nacional*, have elected the following directory: Admiral Jeronymo Gonçalves, Maj. Aníbal Mascarenhas, Maj. Alfredo de Moraes Rego, Maj. Antonio de Moraes Rego, Dr. Martiniano de Moraes Rego, Dr. José Maria de Tinto, Julião da Silva, Dr. Pedro Ferreira Vianna and Dr. Carlos Costa.

—The *Pais* in an article on the cost of tyranny proceeds to show what the Cubans will have to pay if the revolutionists are conquered by the Spaniards. It might have found its illustration nearer home, for, although it has never been ascertained how much the tyrannical government of Marshal Floriano Peixoto cost the Brazilians, enough is known to show that the cost was enormous.

—According to the daily burial records there were 981 deaths from yellow fever in this city during the month of March, an average of something over 31½ a day. This month the mortality has considerably decreased in the city though it has increased on the bay. From the 1st to the 12th inclusive the total number of deaths, including those at the S. Sebastião hospital, has been reported at 252, or an average of 21 a day. It must be said, however, that some yellow fever deaths are reported under other names.

—Dr. Cavalcanti Mello denounces an attempt made by the police authorities to suppress his paper, the *Rio de Janeiro*, on the pretext that he has no licence for his printing office. On Friday he published a copy of his licence.

—The director-general of the post-office thinks that his department has not a sufficient number of employees. The post-office clerks are worked beyond their strength. What consumption of cigarettes and how much betting on *bichos* will it take to satisfy the director-general?

—Thursday, on Rua do Ovidor, a law student from S. Paulo horsewhipped a man for brazenly insulting his mother and sisters in the *Cinco de Maio*. He was arrested, but as soon as the matter was explained was set at liberty. We learn that this student is Assis de Lemos, one of the editors of the *Arribador*, a monarchist paper published by some of the S. Paulo students.

—A man employed at a shoe factory on Rua Barão de S. Felix found, on leaving the Mercantile hospital some days ago, that during his absence his death had been reported and all his property sold for the payment of a debt of \$4,000 to the factory. He has applied to the police to assist him in recovering his property, which he values at \$500.00.

—The senatorial election in this capital to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Aristides Lobo, has been fixed for May 13th. It is said that Graciano's federal party will support Barboza Lima, the ex-director of Pernambuco. Other prominent candidates mentioned are Deputy Thomas Delibon, Marshal Evaristo Quadros, de Paiva Lima, and Dr. Rangel Heston, whose patriotic readiness to accept any office is proverbial.

—It appears that the government's intention to purchase the Figueira palace is shelved from art. 8, § 6, of the last general appropriation law, which empowers the government to receive from the Banco da Republica buildings in payment of the bank's indebtedness to the treasury. It now more over appears that the law is really sold by Congressman Nery and that the transaction was made through the Banco da Republica in order that the government may avail itself of the said authorisation.

—It is to be noted that in a notice of the arrest of a woman on the 11th for *cofeismo*, the *Jornal do Brasil* speaks of the affair as a "commerce in virgins" and of this loyal and heroic city as a "new Babylon." This should be remembered by the chauvinists.

—The Italian cruiser *Lombardia* left for Italy on the 8th inst. It was considered very risky for the new commandant to take up his quarters on board before further disinfection and painting, but the orders from home were peremptory. It is to be hoped that the unfortunate cruiser may be spared any further disaster.

—It is said that through the interposition of Vice-President Manoel Victorino, Gen. Solon has been induced to withdraw his resignation of the command of the 3rd military district (Bahia). Explanations were given him as to the reasons inducing the President to appoint Gen. Argollo as military-general, and also as to the President's desire that he should retain his command. Under these circumstances, he concluded to follow Gen. Caetano's example, and withdrew his resignation. The Jacobin conspiracy may cause inconvenience, but it is not altogether successful yet.

—According to the *Jornal do Brasil* the sub-prior of the 3rd picture of this city has been illegally sentencing minors to the reform establishment recently opened. It is claimed that he has no right to impose such sentences, and especially in an arbitrary manner. Recently a young married man, 22 years of age, and employed as a driver, was arrested by the police as a vagabond minor and placed at the disposition of this sub-prior. His wife tried to secure his liberation but was refused, and it was only after four days' imprisonment and a personal inquiry by the police delegate that he obtained his liberty. These abuses are a shame to the whole country.

—On last Tuesday at 4 o'clock a. m. burglars entered the house of Gabriel Filgueiras on Rua Duque de Saxe and stole \$400.00 in money, a gold watch and chain valued at \$100, a suit of clothes, some valuable papers and a considerable quantity of jewelry, valued at over \$700.00. They took pains to separate the genuine jewelry from the imitation, which they left broken on the floor. They were seen by one of the young ladies, but she was too much frightened to give the alarm until after they had stolen all these articles. When the owner of the house made his appearance with a revolver, the burglars ran away, carrying off the spoil. A house in the vicinity has recently been visited by burglars three times.

—The inspector of customs recently revoked the order prohibiting the removal of merchandise from the custom-house and its vicinity after 6 p. m. He failed, however, to communicate this to the police, which since the order went into force has been instructed to execute it. Consequently some days ago a squad of policemen, seeing some persons engaged in removing merchandise, proceeded to put it to stop. These persons, however, applied for assistance to the ensign commanding the guard of regular troops stationed at the caixa de amortização. The assistance was granted and the policemen were forced to retire. They reported to Col. Travassos, commander of the police brigade, who in the act of investigating the matter was insulted by the ensign. The incident gave rise to alarming reports of a fight between soldiers and policemen at the custom-house. The ensign was arrested, and the difficulty has since been arranged.

—A family residing at a tenement house on Rua do Ypiranga had been in the habit of taking arsenic of soda in a diluted form as a preventive for fever. On last Tuesday the head of this family caused his customary prescription to be filled by Druggist Bastos of the firm of Bastos & Marinho. On Thursday, before going to his work, he took a dose, leaving the bottle for his wife and child to do likewise. At 1 o'clock p. m., feeling somewhat unwell he returned home and there found his wife writhing in agony. Suspecting that a mistake had been made in filling the prescription, he took the bottle with him to the drug store and there communicated the suspicion to the partner. Marinho, however, later, however, ridiculed the idea and unwillingly swallowed a large spoonful of the liquid. There was some difficulty in obtaining a physician and at 3 o'clock a. m. on the following day the poor woman died. An order was issued for the arrest of the partner Bastos, who, however, could not be found. The bottle which contained the liquid has also disappeared. Marinho's theory is that the woman took an overdose, while the child, to which he attributes the fatal result. It is stated, however, that even he, though not at first affected by the dose which he had taken, showed, later in the day, alarming symptoms and resorted to antidotes, which were also applied to the child and his father. Since the foregoing facts were made public, additional details are said to have come to light. It is related, for instance, that Bastos, acknowledging his mistake in filling the prescription, had appeared overwhelmed with sorrow at the bed-side of the dead woman and imploring forgiveness.

BIRTH.

At Petropolis on the 7th April, the wife of Gustavo Gudgeon, of a son.

DEATH.

KEARTON.—In this city on the 8th instant, of yellow fever, CHARLES KEARTON, of Bolton, England.

MARRIED.

COUSANS—NEWSON.—On the 6th instant, at Rio de Janeiro, by the Rev. Henry Mosley, British chaplain, HENRY EDWARD COUSANS, of The Greenstones, Lincoln, and Santos, Brazil, to BEATRICE CATHERINE, daughter of the late Thomas Newson, Marlowe House, Kingston-on-Thames.

COFFEE NOTES

—The *Diário Popular* of São Paulo has had two coffee branches on exhibition lately coming from the plantation of Major Sebastião Come Pedrosa, municipality of S. Paulo. The branches are from trees four years old planted in a sandy soil. One of them contains 20 clusters, the other 18. This, it is claimed, shows the superiority of S. Paulo. It also shows, in our opinion, the prospects of the coming crop.

—The governor of S. Paulo estimates the coffee crop of that state for 1895-96 at 3,000,000 bags and for 1896-97 at 4,500,000.

—Mr. William Newlands Jr. and Dr. Miguel Pimenta say that Pereira de Sampaio have proposed to the state government of Rio de Janeiro, Minas Geraes, S. Paulo and Espírito Santo to purchase through a responsible bank in this city all the coffee *giras* in the market at 90% of their face value, provided those governments shall issue orders that no coffee shall be shipped from this port without *giras* furnished by said bank. After the reimbursement of the capital employed in the purchase of these *giras* the bank will proceed to purchase such paper at 95% of its face value. It is not quite certain, in our opinion, that this scheme will meet the difficulties caused by the present complicated and unsound system.

BUSINESS NOTES

—The municipal council of Macaé is calling for tenders for the projected water-works of that city.

—The Banco de Crédito Urbano has obtained permission to change its name to the Sociedade de Crédito Urbano.

—The *Jornal do Brasil* celebrated its sixth anniversary on the 8th inst. Our compliments. The *Jornal* is a fine, healthy youngster.

—It is stated that in the month of March there were sold 2,000 tons of coal from the S. Jeronymo mines at the average price of 26\$000 per ton.

—The following rates are charged on the new Amazon cable: from Pará to Guirund 400 reis per cable; to Santarem 800 reis; and to Manaus 2\$000. The French steamer *Passage* was towed into Pernambuco on the 11th with a broken shaft. She is being towed to Rio de Janeiro by the British steamer *Flammarion*.

—The minister of industry has requisitioned 30 more soldiers for the protection of the telegraph men now constructing a line across country to Cuyabá, Mato Grosso.

—There have recently arrived at Pará for the Amazon Steam Navigation Company three new steamers, which have been named *Antonio Olytho*, *Lauro Sadi* and *Paes de Carvalho*.

—The vice-director of public works of the state of Espírito Santo has contracted with Mr. Mitchell for an electric light plant for the theatre at Victoria, which will be lighted with 400 lamps.

—On Wednesday importers of kerosene called on the minister of finance and handed him a petition memorializing him on the subject of the exorbitant rates collected by the custom-house on this article.

—A New York press telegram of March 15th says:—A despatch from Havana states that the total sugar crop of Cuba for 1896 is estimated at 125,000 tons, against an estimated crop of 1,000,000 tons in 1895.

—A New York telegram of the 10th inst. states that the L. & H. steamer *Bellard*, which had been stranded through a collision in that harbor, had been successfully floated, after having been discharged.

—The dividends of the Amazon insurance company of Pará last year amounted to 27½ per cent on its realized capital. It is not strange that new companies are being organized for the same business in Pará.

—A São Paulo telegram of the 8th announced the disappearance of Sr. Sylvio Jeronymo, partner in the firm of K. Atlick & Co., leaving a defalcation of about 30,000\$. The matter had been placed in the hands of the police.

—The sanitary inspector at Santos is prosecuting an active campaign against falsified liquors. There is much need of it, for it has become most difficult to find anything genuine outside the limits of the three or four principal ports of the country.

—The Amazon Navigation Co. has recently celebrated a contract with the state government of Pará for a semi-monthly service from Pará to Itaituba and a monthly service to Faro. The subvention will be 60,000\$ a year and the contract is for a period of ten years.

—The Companhia Industrial e Commercio de Papéis Finaes (wall paper company) opened its new deposit and salesroom on the Rua do Ovidor on the 10th inst. The company possesses two factories in this city, which produce from 400,000 to 500,000 rolls per annum.

—The *Município* of São Paulo, of the 1st inst., says that Dis. Diniz Bueno, Antonio Maria and Ismael Dias da Silva had purchased of the Companhia Rural de S. Paulo, a large plantation in the Serra do Dourado, Ribeirão Bonito, São Paulo, for the sum of 1,500,000\$ cash down.

—Director Gaffie of the Santos stock company had an interview on Saturday with the minister of finance in regard to the question between that company and the S. Paulo custom-house. It is said that his proposals will be the subject of further study on the part of the government.

—The civil chamber of the civil and criminal court of this city has decided that the Villa Isabel railway company must pay for the race-horse "Kearney," which died in a wound caused by a car of that company. The owner of the horse claims the sum of 60,000\$, but the court decided that the amount to be paid shall be fixed by appraisers.

—The inspector of public lands and colonization has purchased two hand saw engines for the immigrant depots of Ilha das Flores and Pinheiros. It is to be hoped that the inspector will not now suspend the expenditure in favor of the immigrant. Pure water for drinking purposes, better sanitary arrangements, a few scrubbing brushes, disinfectants, etc., are still wanted.

—It is announced that the large unfinished building, No. 39 Rua da Quitanda, has been purchased at auction by a well-known manufacturer of this city for account of the Associação Christã de Moços (Young Men's Christian Association). It is estimated that the price paid and the cost of finishing the building will together amount to 120,000\$. The association is to be congratulated on the acquisition of so desirable and valuable a property.

—The shipments of rubber from Pará amounted in March to 2,210,044 kilos, against 2,002,259 kilos in the corresponding month of 1895. Of these shipments 1,439,199 were for the United States and 720,845 for Europe. These figures include 850,697 kilos received at Pará from Manaus. —The municipal government of S. Paulo has accepted the proposal of Antonio Fietins Guedet de Vasconcellos for supplying the city with beef at the maximum price of 600 reis and minimum of 500 reis per kilo. The price will vary between these two extremes according to the fluctuations of exchange. Butcher shops in serving the public will be permitted to add 200 reis per kilo to these prices.

—The telegraph officials in São Paulo have adopted a novel interpretation of the regulation providing for 50 per cent abatements on press telegrams. They state that the regulation covers only telegrams from one newspaper to another. The correspondent of a newspaper sending press telegrams must therefore pay full rates. The use of common-sense in official circles seems to be extremely rare.

—The minister of finance has requested the committee of importers to inform him what changes are desirable in the custom-house tariff. In his report he intends making some suggestions on the subject. The committee on last Tuesday called on the minister and promised to consult importers and lay before him a written account of the result. Sub-committees representing various branches of the importing trade have been appointed.

—The government of the state of Minas Geraes has taken over the Caldas mineral springs with the object of managing them in future as a state property. The intention is to make extensive improvements in the place at once, consequently the measure is a very popular one. It will be a great surprise, however, if the undertaking proves successful. The gross mismanagement of all public properties does not afford much hope for the future success of the Caldas springs.

—The municipal council of São Paulo is considering a project for the acquisition of the Chá viaduct in that city, issuing 6 per cent apolices for that purpose in 33 years for the same. According to the *Pais* correspondent this project will cost the city 2,000,000\$, while the viaduct can now be bought at the current price of its shares for 750,000\$. There seems to be the usual financial alibi displayed in this transaction which is rapidly bringing Brazil to grave difficulties.

—The cost of licenses for the sale of Brazilian alcoholic liquors under the new regulations is as follows:

	1st class.	2nd class.
Rio de Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Pará, S. Paulo & Santos, Other state capitals, Other localities.	200\$000	100\$000.
Other localities.	150\$000	80\$000.
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—On the 9th inst. the newspapers published the result of a police inquiry into the disappearance of John P. Lawson. It is stated that he was a broker of coffee *giras*, in which occupation he enjoyed general confidence. On March 7th he obtained *giras* valued at 34,000\$ representing 200,000 kilos of coffee from Srs. Alvaro Guimarães & Co., and also others valued at 18,683\$000, representing 157,000 kilos, from Sr. José Alvaro Gonçalves. Later in the day Lawson paid the first-named firm 22,000\$, and then disappeared, owing that firm 18,683\$000 and Alvaro Gonçalves 18,683\$. The police report states that he secretly left for Europe. But, why should he have paid that 22,000\$ if he intended to leave?

—The *Times* of Argentina makes the following severe comment on the voluminous but unreliable telegrams published by some of the newspapers in Buenos Aires and Montevideo:—"The columns of telegrams published in the afternoon have been defined by a humorist, probably rightly, as containing 5 per cent of news, received by cable, 45 per cent of comments on telegrams previously published, and 50 per cent of national manufacture or local industry. The news under the heading of telegrams is becoming so absurd that it is positively assuming the character of an insult to the public. If the telegrams published were telegrams received, the whole revenue of most journals would not cover the expenditure. It is permissible to extend telegrams received in order to place them before the public in a comprehensible form; but certain expansions are too glaring, while 'imaginary' telegrams are often ridiculous."

FINANCIAL NOTES

—Counterfeit nickel coins are now worrying the good people of São Paulo.

—In March the state revenue collected at the city of Pará amounted to 539,298\$529, against 848,205\$826 in March 1895.

—Last month the customs receipts at Santa Catharina amounted to 164,340\$428, at Pelotas 282,830\$169, and at Maranhão to 432,298\$514.

—The people of São Paulo are asking the government to call in the 100,000 notes of the Banco da Republica on account of the counterfeits in circulation.

—Several men well-known in financial and benevolent circles at New York have formed an association under the name of the Reliable Legal Advice Company. The objects of the society are to furnish legal advice and assistance to the public at a very small office fee, to give advice in worthy wages and with absolute safety. —*Exchange*.

—The following returns of customs receipts in the month of March are reported:

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Bahia.....	1,634,781\$932	1,459,151\$597.
Paranáguá.....	125,130\$821	69,728\$087.
Rio Grande do Sul.....	646,807\$403	945,422\$476.
Porto Alegre.....	1,863,607\$069	1,392,603\$314.
Pernambuco.....	1,981,848\$736	1,556,257\$135.
Uruguanaya.....	101,807\$645	51,551\$404.
Rio Grande do Norte.....	20,348\$217	11,668\$736.
Penedo.....	2,067\$165	7,034\$321.

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1,500,000	Industrial Munici	500	60 000 Feb. 56
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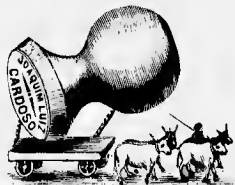
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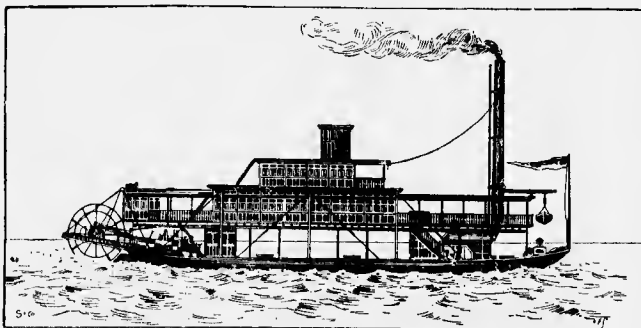
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